



## Reading A-Z and Raz-Kids reverse the “summer slide”

### A summary of the “Report on the 2013 Summer Reading Field Studies”

This summary presents the results from two field studies designed to examine the extent to which Reading A-Z and Raz-Kids help at-risk elementary students gain important literacy skills. Conducted during the summer of 2013, the goal of these studies was to determine whether the “summer slide” could be mitigated through the use of Reading A-Z and Raz-Kids. “Summer slide” refers to the loss in reading skills that can occur when students are not exposed to quality reading materials during the summer.

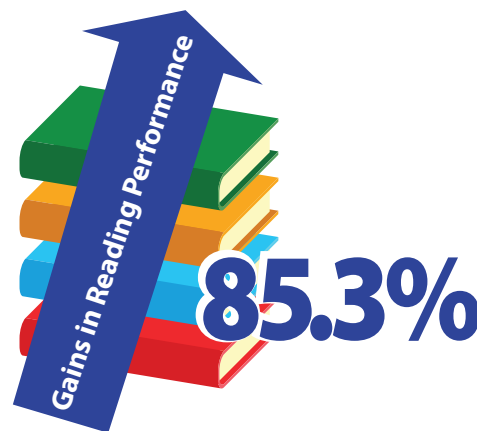
Secretary of Education Arne Duncan described summer learning loss as “devastating.” It is estimated that the average student will lose up to one month of instruction during summer breaks and that disadvantaged students will be affected to greater degrees (Cooper, Nye & Linsey, 1996). In order to bridge the summer literacy gap, children need access to high-quality, supplemental, reading materials.

#### Do Reading A-Z and Raz-Kids help prevent summer reading loss?

85.3% of Reading A-Z and Raz-Kids students did more than just avoid the “summer slide” – they made gains in reading performances from pre- to post-testing.

*“They were excited about their success. I was amazed at how much reading many students did.”*

Raz-Kids Teacher Coordinator

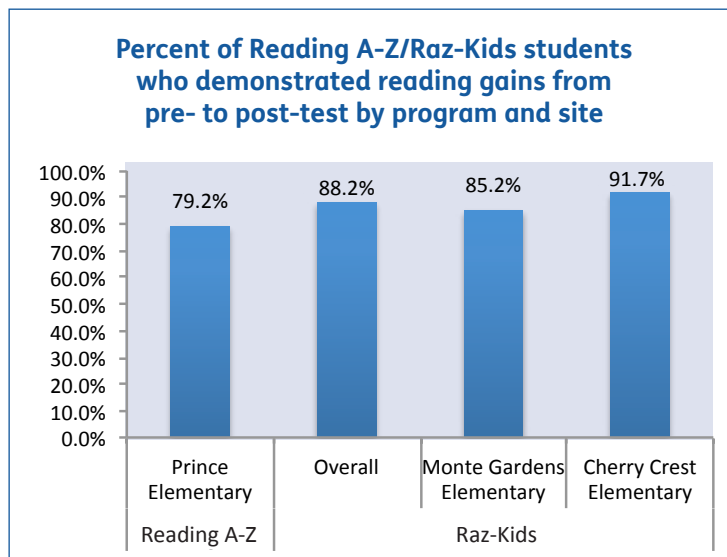


Percent of Reading A-Z and Raz-Kids students who demonstrated gains in reading performance from pre- to post-test

## What reading gains, if any, are observed?

Students not only avoided the “summer slide” that can hinder future literacy proficiency, but were able to continue their growth during the summer.

Students in both Reading A-Z and Raz-Kids summer programs demonstrated gains and were able to boost their reading skills.



Overall, students, parents, and teacher coordinators agreed that the Raz-Kids and Reading A-Z programs helped to improve student reading skills, especially comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary.

*“It keeps students from regressing over the summer...Without an ‘official’ program, I think most of these students would not have read much/if at all, over the summer.”*

Raz-Kids Teacher Coordinator

*“Raz-Kids inspires me to read books.”*

Raz-Kids Student

*“It helped give us goals to reach and reminded us to keep up with reading over the summer.”*

Raz-Kids Parent

## Reading A-Z

- Thousands of leveled books and other resources for instruction and practice
- Printable and projectable resources
- Aligned to Common Core and State Standards
- Guided Reading and Common Core Lesson Plans
- Winner of 2013 CODiE and BESSIE Awards
- Ranked #1 in an independent survey of 18,000+ K-5 teachers\*

## Raz-Kids

- 400+ eBooks and eQuizzes for purposeful practice
- Students can listen to, read, record themselves reading, and take a comprehension eQuiz, all online
- Reports monitor student progress, hold students accountable for reading, and drive instruction
- Motivation through the Raz Rocket and Robot Builder

If you'd like to read the full report or would like a personal tour of Reading A-Z and Raz-Kids, please contact us at 866.889.3729 or [sales@learninga-z.com](mailto:sales@learninga-z.com).

LearningA-Z.com